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Council Drops Election Year Change; Adopts 2010 Budget

by Barbara Hopkins

At the beginning of the June 8 regular council meeting, Mayor Judith Davis asked that a charter amendment proposal to change the date of city elections to even years be removed from the agenda. The Greenbelt City Council did introduce other proposals for changing the city's election process with adoption to be done at the next meeting. It also approved the city's budget for the fiscal year ending June 30, 2010, (Fiscal Year 2010) keeping the same city tax rate as the previous year. Other business included discussion of project proposals for funding with 2010 Program Open Space Funds. Councilmember Edward Putens was absent.

Voting Legislation

In seeking the removal from the agenda of the charter amendment resolution to change the date of elections to even-numbered years to coincide with federal and state general elections, Davis announced that "after further consideration and discussion" council had reconsidered and agreed to defer this change for the new and larger council to decide. At its May 26 meeting, council had directed staff to prepare this charter amendment by a 3 to 2 vote with Councilmembers Edward Putens and Rodney Roberts dissenting.

Davis said additional open seats for next year's council election would give citizens more opportunities to add diversity to the council and increase voter interest and turn-out. However, regardless of any action taken by the current council she expected debate to continue because many pros and cons will be involved in changing election years to coincide with state and federal elections.

Both Councilmembers Konrad Herling and Leta Mach spoke of the need for community support for changes to the election process in Greenbelt. Roberts favored submitting all election issues under discussion to a non-binding ballot to get as much citizen input as possible.

Later in the meeting several pieces of legislation were introduced to bring about the other changes in the city's election process decided by council vote after the lengthy consideration of ways to increase citizen participation and diversity of representation.

One ordinance adds Precinct 18 to the city code. The Board of Elections will determine the polling place for the newly created precinct consisting of the southern portion of Greenbelt East.

A resolution to amend the city's charter to allow early voting was introduced for first reading by Herling. Another ordinance will be needed subsequently, however, to provide details on the casting and counting of these early votes.

Mach introduced a Charter Amendment Resolution to increase the size of the city council to seven members.

Budget Adoption

Before voting to adopt the budget for the next fiscal year, the councilmembers rotated in reading into the record final changes that resulted from the May 18 final budget worksession.

Though there were a number of reasons for the increases or decreases in accounts, a number of them resulted from changes to employee salaries and increases in employee dental benefits. There was some savings through retirements.

Overall, there was a reduction of \$41,200 in General Fund expenditures and General Fund revenues increased by \$113,000. While tax revenues were diminished by \$55,000 because of a reduction in state highway user

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New Deal Members End Meeting, Avoid Derailing Contract Talks

by Karl B. Hille

The New Deal Café may reopen this week following "marathon" negotiations between the board of directors of the Café's cooperative and the current manager Karim Kmaiha. "We have terms of agreement signed and lawyers have looked at that," board member Peter May said.

All parties agreed that substantial issues have been settled and, that if a formal contract can be drafted and signed, the Café may reopen by this weekend.

"We are hopeful," co-manager Maria Almeida said. "The agreement is much better now; even the lawyers said so. If we sign the final contract, it should be open this week. We still need a couple days to repair. All of our food, they cleaned it out."

Details were released at an emergency meeting of the cooperative on Sunday, June 7, at which no action was taken – partially in order to allow ongoing talks to resolve the issues and produce a new contract.

Move to Adjourn

After learning that Kmaiha, Almeida's husband, and the Café board were close to resolving a



PHOTO BY KARL HILLE

New Deal Café members vote against a motion to adjourn an emergency membership meeting June 7 without taking any other action. The meeting was adjourned, allowing negotiations between the Café board and manager to continue unimpeded.

six-month-long contract dispute and that a six-part motion derived from a co-op membership petition drive could derail talks, member Alan Turnbull moved to adjourn without voting on the motion.

Less than an hour after the meeting began, a 36 to 24 vote succeeded in closing the meeting without further consideration of

the motion. An initial vote of 30 to 28 in favor of adjournment was ruled too close. Approximately 70 members who had paid their dues attended.

The meeting had been called as a result of a co-op membership petition drive resulting in

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Council, Roosevelt Merchants Convene on Center Business

by Carol Griffith

The Greenbelt City Council held a worksession with the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association on Monday, June 1. A few new items for discussion were brought forward and ongoing problems of the merchants were discussed.

Mayor Judith Davis and all members of the city council, City Manager Michael McLaughlin and City Clerk Cindy Murray attended the meeting. Representing the Roosevelt Center Merchants Association (RCMA) were Gwen Vaccaro for Pleasant Touch Spa, Cynthia Comproni for the Greenbelt Federal Credit Union, Dorrie Bates for the Greenbelt Co-op Supermarket, Ray Stevens and Barbara Simon for Friends of the New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) and a representative of the Greenbelt Step Club who wished to remain anonymous.

The meeting began with McLaughlin and Davis explaining to the group the current plan regarding the renovation of the Greenbelt Theater: The theater will have to be closed for approximately six months they said. Because of the nature of the work, opening the theater on weekends will not be feasible.

Vaccaro asked if the city had a plan for handling disruptions to the other businesses during the theater renovations but McLaughlin said no disruptions were anticipated. Vaccaro responded that during previous work on the theater her business had experienced unacceptable levels of noise and periodic losses of electricity.

Davis assured her that the city would meet with the contractor chosen for the project and request

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Co-op Supermarket Ranks High in Consumer Survey

by Donna L. Hoffmeister

Washington Consumers' Checkbook, a magazine appearing twice yearly with ratings of Washington area services and retail businesses, registered particularly high scores for the Greenbelt Consumer Co-op in its Winter/Spring edition. The article of interest was titled "Trim the Fat from Your Food Bill: Which Supermarkets Offer the Best Prices and Quality?" Using a 152-item shopping list, it compared prices at Washington area supermarkets and collected over 10,000 ratings from Checkbook and Consumer Reports subscribers.

The Greenbelt Consumer Cooperative was rated along with 26 other area grocery stores from Balducci's to Whole Foods. The Co-op managed to wedge its way into these high stakes comparisons

because 20 people were willing to let their opinion about the store be known, compared with 3,571 people for Giant and 1,885 for Safeway. Other stores with few people giving a ranking were Balducci's with 24 people; Bottom Dollar, 12; Grosvenor Market, 19; and Takoma Park Food Co-op, 16.

Checkbook found little price difference between the two largest chain stores, Giant and Safeway, while My Organic Market's prices were 94% higher and Costco's were 29% lower than the Giant/Safeway average. Only 25% of the customers surveyed gave Giant a high overall rating and only 36% so rated Safeway, while 70% gave a high overall rating to the Co-op. Of all the stores

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What Goes On

Saturday, June 13

9 a.m. to noon, Donation Drop-off, parking lot between City Office and Community Center

Sunday, June 14

12:30 to 4 p.m., GHI House and Garden Tour

Monday, June 15

5 p.m., Public Hearing CALEA, Municipal Building. Public is invited to make comments concerning the Greenbelt Police Department

8 p.m., City Council Worksession on Police Computer System, Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov.

Tuesday, June 16

8 p.m., City Council Worksession re: City Manager Update, Municipal Building

Wednesday, June 17

7:30 p.m., Advisory Planning Board Meeting, Community Center, Room 103. Discussion of a City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan.

8 p.m., City Council Worksession with GHI (Stakeholder), GHI Offices

Letters to the Editor

Reaching Consensus

Thanks to the New Deal Café Cooperative Board of Directors – Peter May, Bill Wilkerson, Terri Rutledge, Don Comis and Chef Karim and Maria –for reaching consensus on a new contract.

I know a lot of Greenbelters that hold the idea that the New Deal Café, represented now by these dedicated board members, is in a sense the guardian of an on-going “heart in the center of Greenbelt” – watching after this place into the future keeping public ownership of this Greenbelt “living room,” this “all of us own it” place we dreamed up for this spot in the Center in 1995 and have put in so much time and money since. May we make sure it always has public input, which will always be a consequence of the New Deal remaining a co-op in this historic New Deal town of co-ops.

The New Deal members have recently learned a lot namely that it takes a professional restaurant chef to really succeed. By the way, this community must serve healthy vegan and vegetarian food thanks, Karim.

The well-run restaurant and the co-op’s newly energizing of the New Deal as a local “pub” run by friends and neighbors can actually pay back the previous administration’s debts, which include our much loved but extravagant expansion into the “Back Room.”

These debts can be paid off with the continued support of Greenbelters, which will relieve Bill Wilkerson, who got stuck with those previous debts, and Peter May, who was willing to go into debt to save the place. Then all those other members who made loans to the Café can be paid back.

This combination of a successful restaurant that the community is willing to support, along with the new popular “pub,” can pay off all of it. We can look forward to a time when we can even vote out the “poll tax” provision to make it more fair for people to be a part of decision making.

It may just take a village vested in a co-op café, encouraging people to go out to eat even

when they can’t really afford it, to make a place like this thrive. Thanks to Peter, Bill, Terri and Don and Karim and Maria.

Barbara Stevens

Thanks to Parks

Last Fall Girl Scout Troop 5004 was researching ideas for a community service project to perform to earn their Bronze Award. We had the extreme good fortune of calling Lesley Riddle, Greenbelt’s Superintendent of Parks and Grounds, for suggestions. Lesley was eager to help and bursting with ideas. With a generous grant from the Greenbelt American Legion, we worked with Lesley to replant the Veterans’ Memorial Garden in Roosevelt Center.

Lesley spent countless hours of her personal time helping our troop develop a plan to replant the garden. She attended evening meetings, revised plans based on the girls’ input and patiently answered the many questions the girls posed.

On planting day, she and Mike Fox, also of Parks & Grounds, worked alongside our girls even though it was a Sunday afternoon. When two girls could not attend the planting, Lesley and Mike set aside plants that these scouts could plant later in the week.

Our girls proudly participated in the ceremony to honor our fallen soldiers on Memorial Day and sang “God Bless America.” The garden is a living thing of beauty that all Greenbelters will enjoy for many years. We hope everyone will spend a minute the next time you are in Roosevelt Center to stroll through it. None of this would have been possible without the dedication, knowledge, and enthusiasm of Lesley Riddle. Thank you to Lesley, Mike Fox and the other hardworking staff of the Public Works Department. You remind us of why it is such a joy to live in Greenbelt.

Pam Goddard
& Rochelle Commins,
Co-Leaders of
Girl Scout Troop 5004

GHI Notes

Friday, June 12, Offices closed

Sunday, June 14, 11 a.m. Pre-Purchase Orientation, GHI Board Room

Sunday, June 14, 12:30 to 4 p.m. House and Garden Tour, GHI Lobby

Sunday, June 14, 1 to 3 p.m. Sustainable Design and Practices Workshop, GHI Board Room

Monday, June 15, 7 p.m. Communications Committee, GHI Lobby

Tuesday, June16, 8:30 a.m. Ad-Hoc Yard Line Committee, GHI Library

Wednesday, June 17, 7 p.m. Woodlands Committee, GHI Lobby

Wednesday, June 17, 7:30 p.m. Annual Stakeholders Meeting, GHI Board Room

Committee and board meetings are open; members are encouraged to attend.

Learn about Wildlife In the Neighbourhood

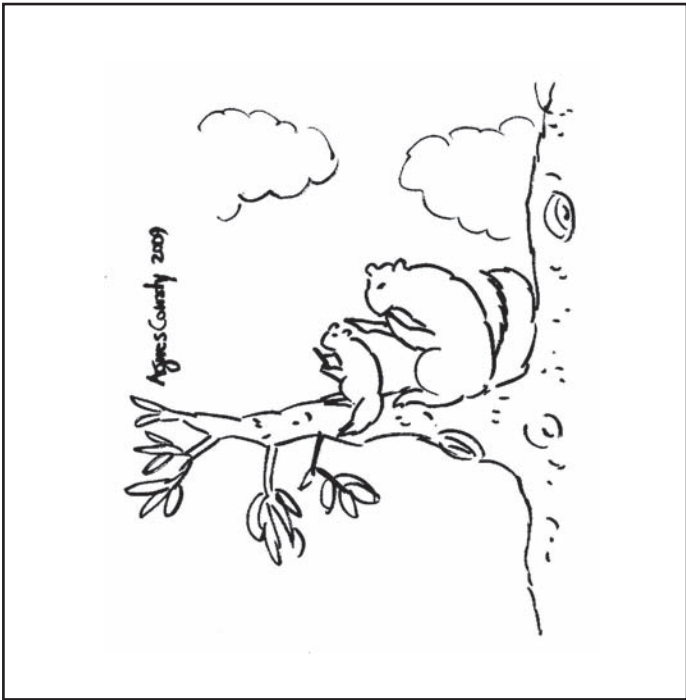
Learn how to live in harmony with your wildlife neighbors at a free workshop this Saturday, June 13, at the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 202, from 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Join GHI and their Companion Animal Committee to hear wildlife biologist, Lori Thiele, of Humane Wildlife Services, a branch of The Humane Society of the United States (HSUS), speak about humanely resolving wildlife conflicts in the home or business. She will clarify myths and misconceptions about the lifestyles of wildlife. Often people make matters worse when they follow incorrect advice. Find out more from an expert.

Astronomical Star Party this Saturday

On Saturday, June 13 Astronomical Society members will hold a star party at Northway Field. Members of the society will begin to set up to view the moon and other celestial objects at approximately 9 p.m. In the event of rain or hopelessly cloudy skies the event will be cancelled without notice.

Visit www.greenbelters.org/events_shtml.

Grin Belt



"How do you text 'please,' Dad?"

Transit Riders United Holds Monthly Mtg.

Transit Riders United of Greenbelt (TRU-Greenbelt) will hold its monthly meeting on Saturday, June 13 from 10 a.m. to noon. at the Greenbelt Community Church. TRU-Greenbelt advocates for transit issues and works to foster a sustainable and livable community in Greenbelt. Please join the group to help advise the City of Greenbelt and Prince George’s County and plan Greenbelt bus routes. Come and express concerns and help strat-

egize to present a united front across the neighborhoods and different bus lines.

Limited rides are available on a first come, first served basis. Contact Anna Socrates at 301-441-4504 or annasoc1@verizon.net for additional information, to request a ride or to volunteer a ride.

To join the list-serve and find out what and how to help, send an email to: TRU-Greenbelt-subscribe@yahoo.com

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Postal Services Available



Limited postal services are now available in the Municipal Building Tuesday through Saturday from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

OLD GREENBELT THEATRE

WEEK OF JUNE 12

My Life in Ruins (PG-13)

Friday

*5:15, 7:30, 9:35

Saturday

*3, *5:15, 7:30, 9:35

Sunday

*3, *5:15, 7:30

Monday - Thursday

*5:30, 7:30

*These shows at \$6.00
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FREE OUTDOOR CONCERT!

Michael Grasso Jazz Trio

Standards, Blues & Modern Jazz



Sat. June 13, 5 - 8 pm

Roosevelt Center, Greenbelt

Sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA), supported by the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County

Community Events

At the Library Storytimes

A librarian will read age-appropriate stories.

Tuesday, June 16, 10:30 a.m., Cuddletime for newborns to 17 months old with caregiver, limit 15 babies.

Wednesday, June 17, 10:30 and 11 a.m., Toddlertime for ages 18 to 35 months with caregiver, limit 15 children for each group.

Thursday, June 18, 10:30 a.m., Drop-in Storytime for ages three to five years, limit 20 children.

Caregivers are asked to pick up a free ticket at the Children's Desk.

Adult Book Discussion

Wednesday, June 17, 7 p.m., the book to be discussed will be "The Wedding" by Dorothy West. Obtain a copy from the circulation desk.



Outdoor Movie Night At Empirian Village

All residents of Greenbelt are invited to join the Empirian Village Apartment community as they host a free Outdoor Movie Night – comedy is the theme – on Friday, June 19 at dusk on the lawn of the Business Center at 9230 Springhill Lane.

This is a family-oriented affair so bring the kids, lawn chairs, and goodies to eat. Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come join their Empirian Village neighbors. For more information call 301-474-1602, ext. 58.

Food/Clothing Drive At Empirian Village

A food and clothing drive will be held at Emperian Village throughout the summer months. Canned and dry goods and new and used clothing can be donated from 8:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. in the service office lobby on weekdays and Sundays or in the community office from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on weekdays only.

Lions and Doctors Hold Blood Drive

Doctors Community Hospital and the Greenbelt Lions Club, in partnership with American Red Cross, will hold a blood drive Thursday, June 18, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the hospital at 8118 Good Luck Road in the DSE room on the 5th floor of the Medical Office Building.

Blood donors must be at least 17 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds and be in good general health. Donors can safely give blood every 56 days. Bring some form of positive identification such as a driver's license, blood donor card or work or school ID photo. To schedule a donation time, call 301-552-8060.

Holy Cross Thrift Store

Every Thursday 10 – 4 p.m.

Good, clean clothes for women, men and children! Shoes, jewelry, books, etc.

6905 Greenbelt Road
Greenbelt, Md. 301-345-5111

Empirian Village Does Community Outreach

Management staff from Empirian Village visited Eleanor Roosevelt High School on May 11 for the school's annual Women's Day celebration. General Manager Sharon Thames and Community Relations Coordinator Vivian Gary-Lowndes joined professional women from various backgrounds who spoke to the students about their jobs, education and planning for their future.

Thames also spoke to the group about several community outreach programs taking place in the community. She encouraged all those that live at Empirian Village apartments to take advantage of the opportunities, earn their community service hours and give back to the community in which they live.

Empirian Village Apartments, formerly known as Springhill Lake Apartments, has recently begun several enhancements to the grounds as well as outreach to reestablish rapport with residents.

Other Activities

Empirian Village is currently holding a food and clothing drive. This summer they will hold their first annual teen camp in partnership with the M-NCPPC, Greenbelt Recreation Department and Camp Fire USA. The teen camp will be held at the Center, formerly the Giant Learning Center, on the property. The Center will also house activities and programs for all ages.

Free Outdoor Jazz Concert on June 13

On Saturday, June 13 from 5 to 8 p.m. the Michael Grasso Jazz Trio plays in a free outdoor concert in Roosevelt Center. The trio mixes standards, blues and modern jazz.

The concert is produced by the New Deal Café and is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Cafe Arts (FONDCA) with supporting funds from the City of Greenbelt and Prince George's County.

Photo Exhibit Opens At New Deal Café

On Sunday, June 14 from 7 to 9 p.m. there will be a reception for "Greenbelt and Beyond," an exhibit of photographs by Greenbelt photographer Ron E. Wilder. This exhibit at the New Deal Café features scenes of historic Greenbelt as well as of other subjects. The art show program at the New Deal Café is sponsored by the Friends of New Deal Café Arts (FONDCA) with support from Prince George's County.

Genealogy Featured On Cable Show

The June 16 topic for the Ask the Expert Cable Show is "The Family Tree Presents – A Guide to Resources for Seniors."

Ask the Expert is filmed at Green Ridge House, 22 Ridge Road, from 11 a.m. to noon. Episodes are edited and shown the following month on Comcast Channel 71 and Fios Channel 21 on Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Persons interested in attending are asked to RSVP if they do not live at Green Ridge House by calling 301-412-2480.

Summer Solstice With Folk Dancers

Bring in the summer season with a warm hello and celebrate with the Greenbelt Folk Dance group at the Youth Center at an open party on Friday, June 19 at 7:30 p.m. Join instructor Roland Forbes as he leads the group in traditional International folk dances.

Over the past decade and a half members of the International Folk Dance classes have learned dances from many countries in Europe, Asia, Canada, Africa, Latin America and even the U. S. It is truly a world understanding process. It is always fun at the open parties; refreshments will be served and dancing experience is not necessary.

Bring a partner or not, but comfortable shoes and cool, comfortable clothing is a must. There will be an opportunity to sign up for the dance classes that are offered every Friday night through the Greenbelt Recreation Department.

– Jeri Holloway

For more Community Events see pages 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 12.

NOTICE OF NEW DEAL CAFE *SPECIAL MEMBERSHIP* *MEETING*

MONDAY, JUNE 29, 2009

AT THE NEW DEAL CAFE

Meeting at 7:00pm

(sign in at 6:30pm).

For the membership to elect an Audit Committee and determine its objectives.

Academy Stadium Theatres

Beltway Plaza Mall
Center Court
301-220-1155

ALL SHOWS BEFORE 5 p.m.

Adults/Seniors: \$6.50

Children: \$6.00

ALL SHOWS BEFORE NOON
ON SATURDAY \$5.00

ALL SHOWS AFTER 5 p.m.

Adults: \$8.50

Students/Military: \$7.50

Children: \$6.00

Seniors: \$6.50

R = ID Required

(!) = No pass, (!!) No pass weekend

Week of June 12

FRI. - SAT.

Night at the Museum 2, PG-13

11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

Land of the Lost, PG-13 (!)

11:15, 1:50, 4:45, 7:05, 9:45

Imagine That, PG (!)

11:30, 2, 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

Taking of Pelham 123, R (!)

11:15, 11:45, 1:50, 2:40, 4:45,

5:10, 7:05, 7:45, 9:45, 10:15

The Hangover, R (!)

11:45, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10:15

Up, PG

11:45, 2:40, 5:10, 7:45, 10

Dance Flick, PG-13

11:15, 1:20, 3:45, 5:50

Drag Me to Hell, PG-13

8, 10:15

SUN.

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MON. - THUR.

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Imagine That, PG (!)

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5:50, 7:45, 8:15

The Hangover, R

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Up, PG

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Dance Flick, PG-13

12:30, 2:30, 4:30

Drag Me to Hell, PG-13

6:45

BE COOL WORKSHOP

Sunday, June 14, 2009 1 – 3 p.m.

GHI Board Room

The GHI Sustainable Design and Practices Committee is hosting a workshop on saving energy this summer. This informal workshop format is designed so you can drop in, ask questions, learn about effective air conditioning for your unit and simple ideas of how to reduce your cooling costs. Don't miss this opportunity as you make the rounds on this year's Home and Garden Tour.

Eleanor and Franklin Roosevelt Democratic Club Picnic

Saturday, June 13, 2009 4 to 7 PM

Picnic Pavillion, Shrom Hills Park, 6915 Hanover Parkway, Greenbelt MD



Please bring a vegetable, salad, or dessert

For information please call 301.577.8907 or visit <http://roosevelt.pgdem.com>

St. Hugh's Catholic Church

Grenoble Hall

135 Crescent Road

Greenbelt MD 20770

HUGE RUMMAGE SALE!!!

June 13 & 14, 2009

Saturday, 10 a.m. – 3 p.m.

Sunday, 9 a.m. – 1 p.m.

SALE

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BY JOSEPH HELLER

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E. Roosevelt Class of 2009 Graduates 670 on June 5

by Mary Moien

More than 670 Eleanor Roosevelt High School (ERHS) seniors paraded into the University of Maryland Comcast Center for the Class of 2009 Commencement Ceremony on June 5. Parents, families, friends and dignitaries filled the center almost to the rafters. The first several rows were reserved for students in the Row of Honor – those with a 4.0 grade point average or better – and the Row of Distinction – those with a 3.8 average or better.

Principal Reginald McNeill welcomed the graduating class. Kenrick Rilee was the valedictorian and his twin brother, Alexander, was the salutatorian. Both are expecting to attend Princeton in the Fall. Prince George’s County Councilmember Ingrid Turner was the guest speaker. William Hite, Jr., Superintendent of Schools gave a brief welcome. Greenbelt Mayor Judith Davis was among the dignitaries on the stage.

There were musical presentations from ERHS Symphony and Chamber Orchestras as well as selections sung by the Mass Choir.

Special Awards

At the annual senior award ceremony held in May, major awards to seniors included:

Delphia Varadarajan won the Principal’s Award and Sara Harris received the Student of Character award. Kenrick Rilee and Caitlin Virta received the Superintendent’s Award.

The following students graduated with grade point averages of 4.0 or higher:

Abidemi Adenikinju, Subodh Arora, Caleb Barrett, Hannah Betman, Vikram Bhandari, Kahlil Blount, Kim Bui, Caron Jeanne, Ramona Chaudhry, Brendan Cusack, Danielle DaCosta, Melissa Devlin, Jasmine M. Douglas, Sasha Drost, William Dunham, Miguel Flores, Molly Friedman, Claire Gallagher, Natasha Gollin, Ashlee Greene, Sara Harris, Natalie Herder, Jenna Hogie, Rahul Khianey, Noah Kim, David Kirk, Jordan Koebler, Karen Lackey, Natasha Lawson, Holden Lee, Jessica Marbourg, Aria Miles, Akin Morrison, Emily Morse, Kiran Murthy, Shreeraj Nayak, Falin Patel, Ashley Powers, Sharmila Price, Carola Purser, Neima Rahim, Darlene Reyes, Alexander Rilee, Kenrick Rilee, Emily Romani, Danielle Rossoni, Callie Seaman, Aroon Sharma, Sara Straney, Jeremy Swank, Yodit Tsegaye, Aarti Vadalia, Elysha Valera, Delphia Varadarajan, Caitlin Virta, Niroshi Wijeweera, Sarah Yun, and Muneer Zuhurudeen.

Maryland Senatorial Scholarships were awarded to Brian Faherty, Ikhlass Hassen, Alexis Hernandez, Keyonia Holland, Chiamaka Okoroha, Anastasia O’Neal, and Adam Rhodes. William Dunham won the Delegate Healy Award and Abiola Ojo won

the Maryland Delegate’s Scholarship.

Three students were awarded Gates Millennium scholarships: Karen Guzman, Alexis Hernandez, and Ashley Powers. These scholarships cover education to graduate school and beyond.

Subodh Arora and Jenny Lindvall were awarded scholarships from the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Education (ACE). Brendan Cusack won the David Craig Memorial Scholarship.

The following were National Merit Finalists: Holden Lee, Carola Purser, Alexander Rilee, Kenrick Rilee, Danielle Rossoni and Sara Straney.

National Achievement Finalists included: Jonathan Abraham, Abidemi Adenikinju, Kahlil Blount, Yasmin Boakye, Danielle DaCosta, Godly Jack, Aria Miles, Vivianne Oyefusi, Ashley Powers and Neima Rahim.



Congratulations to:
--ERHS student Ikhlass Hassen, who is the recipient of the first dental scholarship awarded by Greenbelt dentist Dr. Dennis Hatfield.

– Greenbelt Elementary School teachers Stephanie Katz and Elisabeth Smith. Teachers in the Talented and Gifted (TAG) program, both received awards from PTAG, a parent-teacher advocacy group for TAG students in the Prince George’s County public schools, at a ceremony on June 4 at Kenmoor Middle School.

Send us your reports of new babies, awards, honors, etc. to share with our readers. We’d especially like to hear more from our neighbors in Greenbelt East and Greenbelt West (Springhill Lake/Empirian Village.) To send information for “Our Neighbors” email us at newsreview@greenbelt.com or leave a message at 301-474-6892.

– Kathleen McFarland

ERHS Senior Awarded Dental Scholarship

At the ERHS Awards Ceremony on May 14 Dr. Dennis Hatfield presented his first scholarship for a senior who is planning to study dentistry. Ikhlass Hassen of Greenbelt was the recipient of the \$500 scholarship. Hassen plans to attend University of Maryland-Eastern Shore in the fall.

She was selected as an honor student who has received numerous awards and is a volunteer and leader in the community. She also received high commendations from her teachers.

Hatfield plans to continue the



Eleanor Roosevelt High School senior Ikhlass Hassen is shown receiving a dental scholarship award. Left to right – Dr. Dennis Hatfield, Ikhlass Hassen and Robin Hatfield.

scholarship award program in future years because he feels the dental profession is a very rewarding career choice.

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June 14, 10 a.m..

“Celebrating our interconnectedness” by R. E. Director Carla Miller, R.E. Assistant Penney Hughes and Worship Associate Marilyn Pearl.

Honoring our interdependence as a congregation as we recognize our graduating seniors with a Bridging Ceremony and express appreciation to R.E. teachers and youth advisors.

Bahá’í Teachings:



This is the Day in which God’s most excellent favors have been poured out upon men, the Day in which His most mighty grace hath been infused into all created things. It is incumbent upon all the peoples of the world to reconcile their differences, and, with perfect unity and peace, abide beneath the shadow of the Tree of His care and loving kindness. (Bahá’u’lláh)

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Saturday, 6/20/09, 7:30 p.m. in the Greenbelt Community Center

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Menu for Senior Nutrition Program

The Senior Nutrition “Food and Friendship” program provides lunches for seniors Monday through Friday at the Community Center beginning at noon. Meals need to be reserved by 11 a.m. two days ahead so that enough food is ordered. Call 301-397-2208, ext. 4215.

All meals include bread and margarine, coffee or tea and skim milk. Menus for June 15 through 19 include:

Monday – Apple juice, barbecued chicken, parsley potatoes, mixed vegetables, chocolate cupcake.

Tuesday – Orange juice, meatloaf with mushroom gravy, wild rice, green beans, fresh plums.

Wednesday – Grape juice, baked chicken with gravy, green peas, seasoned corn, pineapple tidbits.

Thursday – Creamy broccoli soup, tuna salad, pasta salad, carrot-raisin salad, applesauce.

Friday – Cranapple juice, turkey cutlet with gravy, black beans, mixed greens, canned peas.

Free Movie For Seniors

Delegate Justin D. Ross invites all Greenbelt Senior Citizens to a free showing of the movie *My Life in Ruins* at the Old Greenbelt Theatre (129 Centerway) on Saturday, June 13 at 3 p.m.

For more information or questions contact Gia Franzone at 410-608-4999 or email Ross at Justin.ross@house.state.md.us.

City Notes

Planning received a referral from M-NCPPC for revision to Greenbelt Station’s detailed site plan.

Parks and Playgrounds assisted crews with the removal of a tree that fell at the Greenbelt Museum on Crescent road due to Wednesday night’s storm.

Street Maintenance began electric installation for the new restrooms at Buddy Attick Park.

Recreation reports Kayode Lewis has accepted the Recreation Coordinator position and is scheduled to begin work on June 24. Lewis is currently a school teacher and has worked for the department part-time in a variety of areas for the past few years.

Arts staff reports that with help from Public Works, 11 paintings on reclaimed doors were installed as a backdrop on the back wall of the Community Center gym stage. The paintings were created by 7th grade students from St. Hugh’s School with guest artist Eli Halpin, whose work is on exhibit in the art gallery. Some of the paintings will be used to identify units participating in GHI’s annual House and Garden Tour on June 14.

Book Club Discusses Women’s Nonfiction

On Friday evening June 19 from 7:30 to 9 p.m. the CPAE Book Club will be discussing “*My Life in France*” by Julia Child with Alex Prud’homme. This is a monthly get-together with lively conversation in a fun, casual setting, featuring mostly literary non-fiction by women. The meeting will take place at the Old Parish House, 4711 Knox Road (corner of Knox and Dartmouth) in College Park.

Kids Kaboose Offered At Railroad Museum

Youngsters ages one to 10 are invited to enjoy a visit to the Bowie Railroad Museum and Old Town Welcome Center on Thursday, June 18 from 10:30 a.m. to noon for Kids’ Kaboose.

Enjoy stories, tours, a take home craft and trainspotting. Visitors are welcome to bring a bag lunch and picnic while watching trains whizz past on the busy Amtrak line next to the museum.

The Railroad Museum and Welcome Center are located at 8606/8614 Chestnut Avenue in Old Bowie. The event is free; no reservations are required. For further information, email: museumevents@cityofbowie.org or call 301-575-2488.



Wednesday evening June 3, Greenbelt received nearly three inches of rain that fell on already saturated soil. Thursday, well before dawn, the roots of a large tree next to the Greenbelt Museum could no longer support its weight and fell across Crescent taking out the power lines for that area of the city. Power was quickly restored but crews worked through the morning to repair the damage. Crescent was shut down from the entrance to the library parking lot to past the Westway intersection. Crescent was again closed later to remove the large chunks of the tree trunk.

– photo by Larry Hull

City Information

MEETINGS FOR JUNE 15-19

Monday, June 15 at 5:00pm **PUBLIC HEARING - CALEA** at Municipal Building. Public is invited to make comments concerning the Greenbelt Police Department. Part of the on-site assesment by assossors from the Commission on Accreditation for Law Enforcement Agencies.

Monday, June 15 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: Demonstration on Police Computer System** at the Municipal Building. Live on Comcast 71, Verizon 21 and streaming live at www.greenbeltmd.gov

Tuesday, June 16 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION re: City Manager Update**, at the Municipal Building.

Wednesday, June 17 at 7:30pm, **ADVISORY PLANNING BOARD**, at the Greenbelt Community Center, rm 103. On the Agenda: Discussion of the Development of a City-wide Pedestrian and Bicycle Plan – Progress Update from Toole Design Group

Wednesday, June 17 at 8:00pm, **CITY COUNCIL WORK SESSION with GHI Board (stakeholder)**, at GHI Offices.

This schedule is subject to change. For confirmation that a meeting is being held call 301-474-8000 or contact the City Clerk at cmurray@greenbeltmd.gov.

DONATION DROP-OFF

American Rescue Workers

Saturday, June 13, from 9:00 a.m.-12:00 noon.

Parking lot between City Office and the Community Center

Info: City of Greenbelt Recycling Office at 301-474-8308.

JUNE IS PEACE MONTH IN GREENBELT!

Enjoy these activities with your friends and neighbors

The Prince George’s Peace & Justice Coalition will sponsor a Reel & Meal on June 15 from 6:30-9:30pm. The film “Life in Occupied Palestine: Eyewitness Stories & Photos” will be shown followed by a guest speaker. It will be held in the Community Center in Room 202.

The Greenbelt Writers Group will devote their next meeting to the subject of peace. The meeting will be held on June 19 from 7:30-9:30 in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114. All are invited to bring writings, both original and/or selected, that deal with this issue.

The Greenbelt Bahai Community will host a film and discussion in the Greenbelt Community Center, Room 114 on Saturday, June 20 from 7:00-10:00p.m.

GREENBELT MUNICIPAL /PUBLIC ACCESS NOW ON COMCAST 71 & VERIZON 21 AND STREAMING LIVE at www.greenbeltmd.gov

MUNICIPAL ACCESS: 301-474-8000: Monday, June 15 at 8pm: City Council Work Session “live” Tuesday and Thursday, June 16 & 18: 6pm “Ask the Expert” 6:30pm: “Co-Op Cooking Show” 7:00 pm: Greenbelt Museum presents “The Recollections of Greenbelt Pioneers” 8:00pm “Replay of City Work Session

PUBLIC ACCESS (GATE): 301-507-6581: Wednesday and Friday, June 17 & 19: 7pm Greenbelt Arts Center “The Gentlemen of Verona” 9:30pm Greenbelt Arts Center “The Biograph Girl”

VACANCIES ON BOARDS & COMMITTEES

Volunteer to serve on City Council Advisory Groups.

Vacancies exist on the:

Green Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability, Youth Advisory Committee, Senior Citizens Advisory Committee, Forest Preserve Advisory Board, Arts Advisory Board, Community Relations Advisory Board

For more info call 301-474-8000.

Members of City Advisory Boards and Committees are eligible for half-price annual individual or family memberships at the Greenbelt Aquatic and Fitness Center.

GREENBELT ANIMAL SHELTER PETS OF THE MONTH

DO YOU KNOW THIS CAT? (top left) Found around the Boxwood area. Tame and friendly. Female, Brown Colored Tabby w/white chest. Has broken microchip. Will be looking for a new home soon.

Rome: (bottom left) Friendly, proud, and handsome male cat. Looking for a family to call his own.

Puppies: (top right) 10 week old female Rotweiler puppies. Very cute and cuddly

Jinx: (right) 7-month old beautiful and friendly male gray tabby.

Visit pets at the Greenbelt Animal Shelter on Wednesdays, from 4-7pm and on Saturdays from 9am-12pm.

For more information on any of these pets, call 301.474.6124.

INTERACTIVE BICYCLE AND PEDESTRIAN MAP

City of Greenbelt Bicycle and Pedestrian Master Plan

The City of Greenbelt has created an interactive bicycle and pedestrian map as part of an effort to collect public input on places pedestrians and bicyclists go in the city and places they find problematic. The input will assist the City of Greenbelt in developing a bicycle and pedestrian master plan.

To review, edit, and comment on the map, go to: www.communitywalk.com/gbbikeped

Click the “Login” link on the upper right and enter

Username: gbbikeped Passwork: gbbikeped

The map will be available online for public comment through June 20th.

If you have any questions, please contact Amy Hofstra at 301-345-5417.

Greenbelt CityLink: www.greenbeltmd.gov for city events, information and services. City Council Meetings and more now streaming live from CityLink Visit Greenbelt now on FaceBook!

One more week of school! Summer Camps at the Greenbelt Recreation Department have a few openings left! Call 301-397-2200 for more information.

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revenue, there were some increases to general revenue through Maryland-National Capital Park and Planning Commission (M-NCPPC) grants.

Revenues for The Capital Projects Fund decreased by \$45,000 as a result of the state reduction in highway user revenue. Capital Projects expenditures decreased by the same amount by deferring to another year a Memorial Wall at the Community Center, deleting \$2,000 for bus shelters and through various changes to street maintenance. Though the overall total for Capital Projects Fund went down, there was an additional \$10,000 allotted for improved signalization at the Crescent Road crosswalk near St. Hugh's School.

Other increases to city services include another \$10,000 for additional voting reform outreach, bringing the total budgeted for this to \$20,000. The Greenbelt Connection bus service account was increased by \$11,000 to include a pay increase and to improve weekend service. The contract postal unit in the Municipal Building was budgeted for another year.

All councilmembers present voted in favor of the budget and the ordinance adopting it, which was introduced for first reading and, with suspension of the rules, read a second time for adoption.

Roberts said he was against an increase to the annual burglar alarm fee (revenues up \$12,000), but he voted for the budget any-

way. He also said he did not want to raise property taxes when the actual value of many homes has gone down. He thought the pending reduction in revenues due to decreases in assessments should have been addressed this year instead of deferring it to next year.

Herling said, given what council and staff had to work with, they had accomplished something "extraordinary." He expressed the idea that one can learn a lot about a community's values by looking at its budget.

Davis thanked staff and council for their hard work in preparing the budget. She acknowledged that next year's budget process could be difficult, adding that each member of council had had opportunities to propose extensive cuts in the budget this year but no one had seized on it. She expressed hope that the next council would be as "prudent and responsible" and as attentive to citizen input as this one has been. She also expressed appreciation that the budget had been accomplished without employee layoffs and the Greenbelt Connection bus service and the Post Office Unit in the Municipal Building had both been funded for another year.

Program Open Space

The city will receive \$25,255 in FY 2010 from the M-NCPPC in Program Open Space funds. This amount is down from the \$65,795 allotted in FY 2009 and \$392,101 in FY 2008. For FY 2010 the county is allowing all

funding, along with unencumbered funds from 2009, to be allocated to development projects. Combined with last year's unencumbered funds, Greenbelt will have \$470,500 to direct in FY 2010.

Applications were submitted last year for resurfacing and lighting the Braden Field tennis courts and for neighborhood playground improvements, both of which were approved by the Board of Public Works last May. The city also submitted development applications for the Buddy Attick Park master plan improvements and for the second phase of improvements to the Aquatic and Fitness Center. These supplement additional funds requested for the first phase of Center improvements.

Renovation and expansion of Springhill Lake Recreation Center was another project submitted for Program Open Space funds last year, but not funded. Staff suggested the city resubmit this project, allocating to it all available monies. To justify this allocation, staff noted the redevelopment occurring in the western section of the city and the heavy reliance on the existing recreation facility, which is aging and in need of expansion and upgrading.

Staff proposed that the renovations may include new mechanical equipment, updated energy-efficient fixtures and implementing "green" building concepts. The project is so extensive that it may need to be completed in stages,

Greenbelt Baseball

Major League Standings as of June 8

	W-L		W-L
Indians	17-1	Athletics	5-8
Tigers	10-6	Cardinals	5-11
Giants	8-5	Orioles	0-14
Yankees	6-6		

There are still some make up games to be played. Playoffs will begin June 15 or soon after.

Visit our website at www.greenbeltbaseball.org for more information.

the staff report says.

All present agreed to act as staff suggested.

Other Legislation

Council introduced for first reading a resolution to repeal Resolution 1042 and establish a new advisory committee on environmental sustainability. This reflects a name change for what was once the Greenbelt Recycling and Environment Advisory Committee to become the Greenbelt Advisory Committee on Environmental Sustainability (Green-ACES).

Another resolution establishes increases to service charges for garbage, trash and recycling collections effective July 1. The new fees are \$60 per quarter for refuse and recycling and \$30 per year for recycling only.

This is an increase of \$3 per quarter for refuse and recycling and \$2 per year for recycling only. The increases will cover rising costs of salaries and benefits.

Both resolutions will come before council on June 22 for second reading and adoption.

CO-OP

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surveyed, the Co-op ranked the highest (70%) for convenience of store layout, an important consideration for the store as it undergoes renovation with the help of money from a state bond bill. It also had the highest ranking for convenient parking (70%). Ease of finding prices garnered 60%. Only five stores (Grosvenor Market, Trader Joe's, Wegmans, My Organic Market and Snider's Super Foods) rated higher than the Co-op on staff helpfulness and pleasantness, with Snider's having a slim 1% margin over the Co-op's 85%. The people factor also accounts for other high rankings, including 85% for "help loading car." The Co-op received a score of 85% for "speed of checkout." With a convenient store layout, friendly staff and handy parking, the report attests, shopping at the Co-op is fast and easy, as we Greenbelters all know.

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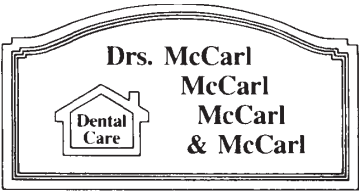


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Health & Beauty		Seafood		Natural & Gourmet	
Kotex Feminine Products Select Varieties 14-64 pk.	\$2⁹⁹	Canadian Wild Caught Haddock Fillets	\$6⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Desert Pepper Gourmet Salsa Assorted 16 oz.	\$3⁹⁹
Huggies Baby Wipe Refills Assorted 128-144 pk.	\$5⁴⁹	Pasteurized Lump Crabmeat	\$9⁹⁹ _{lb.}	Cardini's Gourmet Salad Croutons Assorted 5 oz.	\$1²⁵
				Bakery	
				Fresh Store Baked Wheat Bread loaf	\$1⁹⁹
				Fresh Store Baked Original Apple Pie 8 inch	\$3⁹⁹

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				Barilla Assorted Pasta 16 oz.	\$1²⁵
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Police Blotter

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<http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/index.htm>, link in left frame to "Weekly Report" or
http://www.greenbeltmd.gov/police/weekly_report.pdf.
Dates and times are those when police were first contacted about incidents.

Drug Arrests

May 29, 7:20 a.m., 7700 block Hanover Parkway, a resident youth was petitionedfor possession of marijuana and released to the Department of Juvenile Services for open warrants.

May 31, 6:23 p.m., 6900 block Lady Anne Court, a nonresident man was arrested for possession of marijuana. He was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Disorderly Conduct

June 3, 9:06 p.m., 9200 block Springhill Lane, a resident youth was petitioned for disorderly conduct. The youth was released pending action by the Department of Juvenile Services.

Vandalism

May 29, 7:45 a.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, a rock was thrown through a kitchen window.

May 30, 9:06 p.m., 9300 block Edmonston Road, the sliding glass door of an apartment was broken by unknown means.

May 30, 10:58 p.m., Greenway Center, the glass drive-through window at Wendy's was broken by a man's fist. The suspect is described as a black male, 20 to 23 years of age, 6'03" to 6'08", 175 to 185 pounds with black shoulder-length hair in dreadlocks, wearing a white shirt and blue jeans.

May 30, 11:31 p.m., 5900 block Cherrywood Terrace, graffiti was found in the hallway of an apartment building.

May 30, 11:43 p.m., 6100 block Breezewood Court, the bedroom window of an apartment was broken by unknown means.

June 1, 8:08 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, a rock was thrown through a sliding glass door.

June 2, 7:44 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, the doorknob was kicked and damaged on an apartment door.

June 2, 7:44 p.m., 7900 block Mandan Road, an apartment door was kicked and damaged.

Burglaries

May 29, 11:33 a.m., 9100 block Springhill Lane, a video recorder, cash and checks were reported taken.

May 31, 7:02 p.m., Greenway Center, it was reported that cash was taken.

June 1, 3:49 a.m., 9100 block Edmonston Court, a purse and keys were reported taken. The keys were then used to steal the victim's white 1996 Oldsmobile Model 88, Maryland tags 82312CC.

June 1, 10:04 a.m., 6900 block Hanover Parkway, an attempted burglary was reported.

June 1, 12:48 p.m., 2 Court Northway, nothing was taken.

Vehicle Crimes

A black 2005 Nissan Altima 4-door with MD tags 9EWS97 was reported stolen from the 5700 block Greenbelt Metro Drive.

Seven vehicles and one set of tags were recovered, three by Greenbelt police, four by outside departments and one by the vehicle's owner. Two juvenile arrests were made by Greenbelt police and one adult arrest was made by an outside department.

Theft from vehicles was re-

ported in the following areas: 6100 block Breezewood Court, 10 Court Plateau Place, Beltway Plaza and 6100 block Cherrywood Lane (Maryland tags 49762BY, CVP315, 4DSF83, 34807M5); 9100 block Springhill Lane (GPS, TV); 9100 block Springhill Lane (two purses); and 9000 block Breezewood Terrace (GPS). An attempted theft occurred in the 9300 block Edmonston Road.

On June 4 in the 9100 block Springhill Lane, a resident man was arrested for theft under \$500 after allegedly stealing a portable CD player, CDs and an encyclopedia from a vehicle. He was also charged with possession of marijuana and was released to the Department of Corrections for a hearing before a district court commissioner.

Vandalism was reported at 9300 block Edmonston Road (broken vent window).

Festival Notes

Entertainment

The "Greenbelt Idol" competition will take place throughout the summer and culminate with the final competition on Friday night of the Festival (September 4). Contact greenbeltidols@yahoo.com for more information. There will be a battle of local bands on Sunday (September 6). The winners of both music competitions will perform at Greenbelt's New Year 2010 Celebration. For more information contact laborday@greenbelt.com.

Shuttle

The Committee is looking for volunteers to drive the shuttle. The shuttle runs throughout the Festival and drivers work in shifts. Contact Brian York at 301-474-4610 if interested.

Carnival Rides

Once again ride wristbands



will be on sale at the Co-op prior to the Festival. Wristbands will be \$10 in advance and \$20 on the carnival grounds.

Pageant

Registration for the Miss Greenbelt Pageant has begun. To sign up or for more information go to www.missgreenbelt.com. Contestants are meeting Saturday, June 13 at noon at the Community Center. Pre-registration online is requested. There will be a Basket/Bag Bingo August 1 at the Firehouse to raise funds for the Miss Greenbelt scholarship. Doors will open at noon.

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consideration and avoidance of such problems.

While discussion continued on the topic of renovations, Bates reported that the Co-op was “excited” to have been awarded \$100,000 of state money toward renovation of the supermarket and that the parties were finalizing the date on which work could begin. The store will not have to be closed, she said, and the renovations will be done in stages, beginning with the refrigerator and freezer cases.

In response to a question from Davis, Bates reported that the Co-op was open to any and all suggestions and business plans regarding use of the former Post Office space below the store but that she would not have the time or staff to devote to a project there until the store renovation has been completed.

The remainder of the meeting consisted of discussions about ongoing problems the association has experienced.

Trash Cans

One such problem was the condition of trash cans in the Center. McLaughlin offered to look into having the trash cans behind Generous Joes’s restaurant enclosed and to attempt to coordinate city trash pickup with days of large deliveries or to increase the number of pickups. Councilmember Rodney Roberts added that the dumpster behind the Domino’s store had been an “eyesore,” and McLaughlin said he would look into this problem. The representative of the Step Club offered to investigate getting a smaller trash receptacle for the club and having its dumpster painted.

In response to questions by council, RCMA members said there had been no reported sightings of rats and that while skateboarding and bike riding by children and teens were not a problem, bike riding by adults

in Roosevelt Center was an issue. The group also reported that lighting and other physical conditions of the Center are adequate, although the awnings are showing signs of age.

Davis introduced Greenbelt Police Officer Kelly Lawson, who will assume the role of liaison between the police department and the RCMA. Lawson offered to do security assessments of the businesses and said she would attend the group’s meetings.

Councilmember Konrad Herling asked the group if the level of patronage of the businesses had changed, specifically in response to the closure of the New Deal Café and the beginning of the farmers market for the season.

Farmers Market

Bates reported that the transaction count at the Co-op was down 5 to 10 percent although the Farmers Market appeared to increase business on Sundays. Comproni said that traffic at the Credit Union had increased and suggested that the increase may be due to the current poor reputation of banks relative to that of credit unions.

Vaccaro added that business at the Spa was down, attributing the decrease to the general state of the economy. Stevens reported that FONDCA had not assessed the effect of its programs on the other businesses.

The discussion turned to how the RCMA could better market the Center. Various suggestions were discussed, such as working with the management companies of the local office parks, adding coupons to the Roosevelt Center merchants in the Geocache box, using a graduate student in need of an assignment to create a marketing plan and expanding the “Shop Local” campaign.

The meeting ended with Davis thanking the group for “keeping Roosevelt Center alive and well.”

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a single, six-point motion. The motion spelled out a plan to reopen the Café on terms of existing contracts and establishing an audit board to resolve existing contract disputes.

“Do you think this proposal we’re supposed to approve today will help discussions in any way?” Café member Dorian Winterfeld asked.

Board members said re-imposing the existing contract – which the board had cancelled officially May 11 – would only harm talks.

Turnbull offered the adjournment motion after two amendments had been made to the previous petition motion to try to resolve issues that would obstruct the negotiations.

“Once there was energy to start slicing and dicing the motion on the floor, I knew no good could come of that,” Turnbull, a former city councilmember, said.

Reaching New Deal

Café president Bill Wilkerson said board members had held two “marathon” negotiating sessions with Kmaiha and Almeida and mediators on May 24 and June 1.

Key points ending in an agreement reached included reducing the amount of the \$4,000 monthly fee Karim initially had been obligated to pay the co-op and forgiving some of the unpaid fees. They also formalized an

agreement by which the co-op runs the Café bar – to help pay down \$114,200 in debts.

“I feel really good,” Wilkerson said. It’s a big sense of relief to get past this misunderstanding and miscommunication and contract dispute.”

The miscommunication had spilled out into the community, filling message boards at Yahoo. com and messages to massive chain email lists since the Café had been locked on May 13.

Many members brought that energy to the Café, resulting in pre-meeting jokes that alcohol shouldn’t be served and speculation that the debate would get “hot.”

Some vocally protested the vote to adjourn, saying, “You won’t have a chance to have your questions answered.”

The motion was not open for debate; however, board members stayed after the meeting to find answers to those very questions, as groups formed and the Café bar served draft beer and poured wine for members and observers. Others applauded the board for working out the differences.

“The Café has a history of people agreeing to forgive their obligations and their debts, and I think it’s wonderful that you’ve found a way to forgive some of Karim’s obligations and debts,” member Peggy Barott said.

Art in the Garden Festival June 20

This summer the United States Botanic Garden is exploring art in the garden. Through a two-part exhibit that features a series of highly stylized garden rooms on the Conservatory Terrace and original sculptures inspired by plants in an adjoining gallery, the Garden is celebrating the symbolic and aesthetic role of plants in culture. During the Music and Rhythm festival, discover the role plants play in music and the beautiful rhythms of a garden. This event will happen outside under a tent rain or shine on Saturday, June 20, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.. at the U.S. Botanic Garden. This exhibit is free; no registration is required.

Hoarding Is NAMI’s Discussion Topic

The National Alliance for the Mentally Ill’s Prince George’s Chapter presents its June workshop on Thursday, June 18 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Hanco Building at Beckett Field, 8511 Legation Road, New Carrollton. The title of the program, presented by Helen S. Barnes, M.A., R.N.C., is “Obsessive Compulsive Hoarding.”

Extreme hoarding is a significant mental health issue as well as a challenge to public health and case management. A video will be included as well as the opportunity for dialogue to speak with Barnes. Refreshments will be served.

Saturday Activities In Old Town Bowie

Saturday, June 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. there will be a free summer concert featuring Joe Tichy Acoustic soft rock and pop music on the Village Green in Old Town Bowie.

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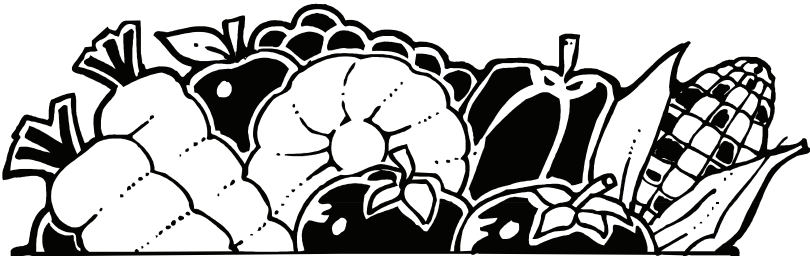
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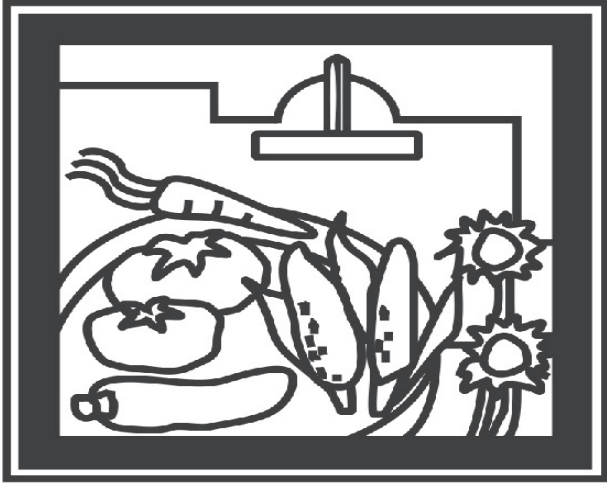
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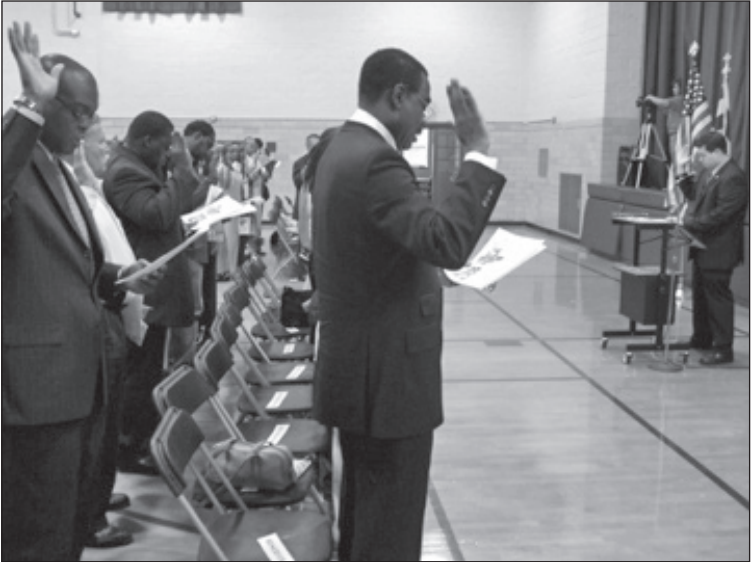
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New Citizens Take Oath on Greenbelt Day

by Joel Mason-Gaines

On Sunday, June 7 as part of Greenbelt Day weekend celebrations, the U.S. Citizen & Immigration Service (USCIS) administered the oath of allegiance to candidates seeking to become U.S. citizens. About 50 people attended the event, led by presiding officer James Whiteman in the Community Center gymnasium. Whiteman outlined the information needed to receive a certificate and went on to lead the oath. Mayor Judith Davis then welcomed the new citizens and uniformed officers marched in front of the crowd carrying flags. USCIS staff explained that applications often take months to process. In addition, some information on the applications is not always useable, causing delays and the need for more than one appointment.



James Whiteman leads candidates seeking citizenship in reciting the Pledge of Allegiance.

All participants seemed excited about their new status as citizens. Several said they were looking forward to being able to vote and to obtain a United States passport.

Council Expanded Monday With Three Mayors on Site

by Barbara Hopkins

The decision to increase the Greenbelt City Council from five to seven members has been previously publicized. Still, it was a surprise at council's regular meeting on June 8 to discover that not only were there two new members already in attendance but there were three mayors. Mayor Bella Juwita of Springhill Lake Elementary School and Mayor Amarachi Ibe from St. Hugh's School were both finalists from District 9 (Prince George's County) in the Maryland Municipal League's "If I were Mayor" contest for 2009. Ibe struck the gavel to call the meeting to order and Juwita led the Pledge of Allegiance. Both 4th graders then read their essays before receiving certificates from council, along with goodie bags and gift cards from Target. Juwita wrote in her essay that she would encourage people to "go green" to protect the earth and keep it balanced. She would plant more trees, stop littering and increase bike riding. She

would create volunteer programs to help citizens with their efforts to "go green." Juwita cited the ocean as an area for specific attention. Ibe said if she were mayor she also would encourage people to "go green." She would create a website called Save the Planet.com where people could learn ways to be more energy efficient and other "eco tips." She would start a program called RRAM (Recycle Reuse and More) and hold a contest each year to increase recycling. Winners would ride in the Greenbelt Labor Day Parade. Ibe also outlined her fund raising ideas, which included selling knitted items produced in a city-sponsored knitting class: two pairs of mittens for \$10 or one pair for \$6. She would also hold bake sales during sports events. After the presentations David Lange addressed the assembly to congratulate council for not only enlarging its body but for also achieving a diversity not dreamed of.



Greenbelt City Council poses with finalists in the "If I Were Mayor" contest, from L. to R.: Councilmember Konrad Herling, Amarachi Ibe, Mayor Judith Davis, Bella Juwita, Councilmembers Leta Mach and Rodney Roberts.

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Review "Catch-22" at Arts Center Is Fast-paced and Funny

by Carol Griffith

Since ancient times, wise people have been writing plays and books about the insanity and futility of war. One of the greatest and most enduring of these antiwar pieces is Joseph Heller's 1961 novel "Catch-22." The play based on the book, now playing at the Greenbelt Arts Center (GAC), retains the dark comedy and satire of the novel while being very fast-paced and hilariously funny. "Catch-22" is a production of Out of the Black Box Theater Company, produced in cooperation with the Greenbelt Arts Center. Bill Jones, an actor well known to GAC audiences, is the director of the play and has put together an excellent cast and production.

Set in a military base in Italy towards the end of World War II, "Catch-22" is the story of one pilot, Yossarian. After witnessing the death of one of his men, Yossarian decides the military system is insane and focuses his time and energy on trying to be sent home. The events that happen to him in his quest and the people he meets all point out the absurdity of war and the foibles of human nature. The cast of characters is large but the principal characters include a dithering though well-intended chaplain, a colonel more concerned with his promotion than his soldiers, the private who really is in charge of the base, a zany nurse and a

completely incompetent doctor. The pace of the play is so quick that scene changes are announced through a series of flashes of the lights. Dialogue flies so fast and furiously that laughing might obscure the next few lines. The humor is madcap but with some very funny word plays. Most of the 10 actors and actresses play multiple roles and all must be commended for their quick costume changes and ability to change characters so rapidly. Only one, the gifted Melissa Robinson, has performed at GAC before, but the entire cast is extremely talented. Jeff Mocho, a Greenbelt resident with an impressive acting resume, puts on an especially good performance as Yossarian and carries the play beautifully. "Catch-22" is a very funny poke at war, which unfortunately seems to still be with us, and an even funnier look at humanity. This production is not appropriate for children as it contains strong language and sexual situations. "Catch-22" will play on the Friday and Saturday evenings of June 12, 13, 19 and 20 at 8 p.m. A Sunday matinee is scheduled for June 14 at 2 p.m. Reservations may be made through the box office at 301-441-8770 or at the Greenbelt Arts Center at 123 Centerway, located beneath the Co-op supermarket.



Yossarian (Jeff Mocho, in bed) pleads illness to be released from the military with funny consequences. Other cast members from left to right – Melissa Robinson, Greg Miloro and Greg Mangiapane.



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